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DIARY NOTES

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15 September 1961

1. At the Deputies' Meeting this morning:

a. General Cabell said that while discussing the capabilities of the Government to communicate from critical areas at the Special Group Meeting it had been noted particularly that we were dependent on commercial communications from many, if not most, places in West Africa. General Taylor had expressed the hope that some action could be taken to remedy this situation. General Cabell asked that the Office of Communications and DD/P jointly look into the possibility of setting up emergency communications, even though we do not have a station in some of these localities. (I have asked [REDACTED] to look into this.)

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b. We discussed the new DOD policy of not sending dependents to Western Europe, except West Berlin, and it was agreed that CIA would conform.

2. Steuart Pittman, who has recently been appointed Assistant Secretary of Defense (Civil Defense) to spear-head the fall-out protection program, telephoned to say that he thought he had persuaded [REDACTED] to come to work for him if we would guarantee re-employment rights for Bill. I told him that assuming the Director approved of Bill's taking on this job I thought that he would have no difficulty in being reinstated here. While legally he will have no re-employment rights, I am sure that there would be no problem if he wanted to return.

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3. Jim Garrison reported that the estimates on [REDACTED] were in and that they were very high. Since the architect and engineer was told to design within the money, his estimate was unacceptable and he is having to do it over again.

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4. General Cabell telephoned to say that he had received a call from Clarence Cannon and that the Deputy Directors, [REDACTED] and Ed Saunders were to appear before the Subcommittee at 1400 hours on Sunday afternoon. (We appeared on schedule and discussed the matters of general interest until about 1600 hours.)

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